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NRO - McMillan Proposal for an NRO Aircraft Operations Unit

Col. Ledford to DD/R

Feels it academic to try to modify or restrain the sentiments of Dr. McMillan in his intention to organize said unit; however, feels fallacious statements and misrepresentations in McMillan's paper should be called to his attention and cleared up.

For instance, McMillan wanted to set up ~~new~~ procedures for coordinating overflight plans with Joint Chiefs, whereas Program B had an established procedure in being since 1961 for such JCS coordination and it had been working to everyone's satisfaction.

Suggestion by McM. that JRC should maintain liaison on behalf of NRO with USIB in regard to rqmts for intel, mapping and geodesy collection is counter to the NRO/CIA agreement which gives DD/NRO the responsibility for supervising relations between the NRO and the USIB and its subcommittees and the intelligence exploitation community.

McM's paper is first indication to CIA that any unified or specific commands, or JRC or JCS were not satisfied with operating procedures and methods of notification.

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